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## LOEB BLOW FROM QUEEN CITY



Photo by Ed Braverman

Close dancing is a popular form of entertainment in the heterosexual clubs of Boston. This man and woman are typical of the duos that crowd the dance floor at the city's most popular "het club." See story page 5.

by Louis C. Kelly

*The Manchester Union Leader*, New Hampshire's largest newspaper and bastion for all that is good for America, struck again on Monday morning, August 5, with a front-page feature story concerning the "Sodomite Clubs" in Manchester. Headlines read "Shameful Behavior in Queen City Exposed" and "Homosexual Clubs Lure Unsuspecting Youth" along with other examples of unbiased reporting. These articles penned by R. Warren Pease were complete with photos of unsuspecting members, taken inside the clubs, with blackened squares over the eyes so as to protect these perverts.

The first article in this three-part series was accompanied by a front-page editorial headlined "Sodom and Gomorrah in Manchester" composed by William Loeb, the paper's illustrious publisher.

Loeb's editorial said that the series was "carefully written by reporter R. Warren Pease." He also pointed out, "Mr. Pease had the help of two state legislators who

went with him to these dens of iniquity." Mr. Loeb stated that this situation was due to a permissive attitude in our schools and college administrations as well as churches. The point of the series was "to alert our readers about what is going on," in hopes to bring pressure on authorities "to wipe out these festering sores before they destroy all of us."

Reporter Pease found some interesting incidents to relate to the public. For instance, the initiation into the cult on lesbianism of a young female "who looked to be a child of 12." He stated this episode emphasized "their total commitment to perversion".

Pease also reported the legislators' remarks. One of the lawmakers characterized their dancing as "somewhat like a fertility dance performed by natives of some remote South Pacific Tribe, but lacking the dignity and morality involved in such a ritual." Pease ended his opening article with "One soon learns not to be surprised at anything that happens in a 'queer' club."

## A. T. & T. Bars Discrimination

by Laura McMurray

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the largest single employer in this country with one million workers, has quietly announced that it does not discriminate against gay people.

In response to a question from a reader in the July 26 *A. T. & T. News*, the company said, "Our policy is very simple and straightforward. An individual's sexual preference isn't a criterion either for becoming an employee or for remaining an employee of the Bell System . . . An individual's sexual tendencies or preferences are strictly personal and information about these matters shouldn't be sought out by company personnel. . . . However, I should point out that any present employee whose overt actions on the job prove to be a disruptive influence on the work force is subject to the appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. This applies to all individuals regardless of their sexual preferences."

The reply concluded that any supervisor who discriminated against an employee because of the latter's actions off the job "would not be defended."

Whether this new policy has been announced to the employment offices of A.

T. & T. is unclear. An employment interviewer at the New England Telephone Co. in Boston (a subsidiary of A. T. & T.) had never heard of the policy statement. Mary Monroe, an administrative assistant in the employment office, would not comment but referred GCN to the public relations department. The officer there, John Dillon, was "not aware of the policy as such."

In the winter of 1972 the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced that it did not "knowingly hire or retain in our employment persons—and this could include homosexuals—whose reputation, performance, or behavior would impose a risk to our customers, other employees, or the reputation of the company. Our work requires numerous contacts with these employees and customers. We are not in a position, therefore, to ignore commonly accepted standards of conduct, morality, or lifestyles." Presumably the new A. T. & T. statement would change this situation at P.T.&T., a subsidiary.

In April of this year, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. changed its policy of not hiring homosexuals. This was in response to the new anti-discrimination ordinance enacted in Minneapolis, the home of the firm.

## A VERY NATURAL RAID

by Thom Nyland

The new gay movie, *A Very Natural Thing*, closed Thursday at the end of its second day of showing in the Paris West Cinema in West Springfield, Mass., at the request of detectives from that city's police department.

Walter Coleman, manager of the theatre, said he received a call at home from his assistant that police has just viewed the film, thought it was "a little obscene," and suggested it be withdrawn.

"I spoke to them," Coleman said, "about cutting out some of the obscene parts—you know, so no penises would be showing—but they still felt the film would be too much for Springfield. They didn't exactly threaten to seize the film but we have to do business in this town and we felt it would be better to cooperate."

In a telephone interview one of the detectives who said he had participated in the action refused to identify himself even when asked repeatedly to do so. "If you want to discuss the case you can come to the station and if you have any business knowing you'll be told, otherwise you won't," he said. He did admit that no criminal charges had been justified and that the complaint had come from one of the selectmen. When asked the name he could not remember and when pressed further he hung up.

James Fleming, Selectman, acknowledged that he had received a call Tuesday from a "concerned citizen" complaining about the film *Macon County* because of all its gore and violence. Mr. Fleming, not knowing the bill had changed, sent a note to the police department asking that they investigate but neglecting to mention the name of the film. He said he knew nothing about the other movie and added, "I'm

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# Welby Protest Gains Strength

by Loretta Lotman

The National Association of Broadcasters has received an official protest from National Gay Task Force and other gay organizations about the planned ABC Network presentation of a "Marcus Welby" script.

In a letter to Stockton Helffrich, Director of the NAB Television Code Authority, Ron Gold of NGTF stated that the script, "The Outrage" would fail "to serve the public interest, since it would work against the human rights of 20,000,000 Americans by presenting a distorted and inaccurate view of their lives."



The script deals with the rape of a 14-year-old boy by his male science teacher and the reassurance to the victim that his experience did not make him homosexual and that he is still "a man."

Gold and other gay leaders insist that presentation of this script will interfere with the growing movement towards gay civil rights by reinforcing false stereotypes about homosexuals.

In a presentation before the NAB Code Authority in May, Gold and Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action were told that Code sections IV-7 and 9 were designed to "encompass the concern that homosexuals be treated in a fair, equitable and sensitive manner in television programs." These standards read:

7—Special sensitivity is necessary in the use of material relating to sex, race, color, creed, religious functionaries or rites, or national or ethnic derivation.

9—The presentation of marriage, the family and similarly important human relationships, and material with sexual connotations, shall not be treated exploitatively or irresponsibly, but with sensitivity.

Gold was recently informed by Alfred Schneider, Vice President of ABC, that a revised version of "The Outrage" contains a line suggesting that the assailant involved is not a homosexual, but a pedophile. However, it is Gold's belief that such a line, in the context of a plot that specifically reinforces false images of gay men as child molesters, would in no way prevent the script from being used to defeat civil rights measures now pending in cities around the country. "This is particularly true," he said, "in the further context of network television fare which nowhere projects balancing images of homosexual men and women that reflect their real and varied life styles."

So far, gay organizations in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Denver, Salt Lake City and Phoenix have joined in the protest of the ABC network. Gay Media Action has provided NGTF with information on how to contact local ABC affiliates around the country and pressure them into not allowing "The Outrage" on the air. It is hoped that local organizations will work with ABC affiliates and impress them with the damage such a program would create in their coverage area.

**Letters and calls are needed to ABC Network to convince them not**

**to proceed with the potentially damaging "Marcus Welby" script. Individuals wishing to add their voices to the growing protest should contact:**

**Anthony D. Thomopoulos, Vice President in charge of Network Programming; Michael Eisner, Vice President; James Duffy, Network President, or Richard L. Beesemeyer, Affiliate Relations**

**at ABC Television Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, N.Y. 10019 (212) LT 1-7777.**



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probably the only person in America who has never seen an X-rated movie."

George Mansour, film buyer for Esquire Theatres of America who booked the movie, said that it will open next week at the Hadley Campus Cinema where it is hoped it will have a long and successful run. Referring to the state's new anti-obscenity law, which gives local authorities the right to decide what films violate local standards, he said, "This is an R-rated film. If there are objections to it the police could have no legal grounds for closing it, but if perfectly non-obscene material which, however expresses a minority opinion can be suppressed this is more dangerous than any amount of hard core pornography can ever be."

# Guzzi Support for Minority Rights

by Ed Tynan

Commonwealth Secretary of State is not exactly a glamorous office or even one of high visibility, but State Rep. Paul Guzzi of Newton, who is running for it, was the first major party candidate in Massachusetts for statewide office to make an open bid for support by the gay community (State Rep. John A. Businger of Brookline, who has since withdrawn in Guzzi's favor, was the second; Ted Harrington, very much in the running for Attorney General, is the third). GCN recently talked with Rep. Guzzi about the principal issues in his campaign.

## Doing the Job

Most noticeable of the Secretary of State's responsibilities is that he or she is the state's chief elections office, a position that involves both enforcing existing regulations and recommending new ones. Rep. Guzzi feels quite prepared for this aspect of the job, in that he has already sponsored or been closely identified with a number of electoral reforms, including both some which have not yet been enacted, such as proposals for public financing of elections and for postcard voter registration, and a number which are now in force, such as "the campaign disclosure law of last year, the media act that now limits how much money candidates can spend, increased polling hours, absentee ballots in the primaries (which we didn't have until a couple of years ago and which I co-sponsored with CPPAX, ADA and other people) and the revised 1972 presidential primary (which we decentralized from a 'winner-take-all')."

The present Secretary of State, Mr. John Davoren, on the other hand, has almost never spoken out on any issue, Guzzi says, or testified before a legislative committee; he describes the incumbent as "an absentee Secretary of State" who often does not show up at the Capitol at all: "For four years I have been on the Committee on Election Laws, and so far we have been able to determine that twice during those four years did Davoren either appear personally before the committee or send a representative, and yet that's the area of his chief responsibility. On State Administration my understanding is that he has never appeared during that long period, although that committee, too, deals with the running of his office. It's incredible: He has nothing to say about matters that greatly affect the running of his office and has little contact with committees with which his office should have a close working relationship. Now again, it is hard for him to come to committees when he doesn't come to the State House."

## Public Financing

Public financing of all elections is Guzzi's leading recommendation for electoral reform; he is very much opposed to the "corrupting system of financing we have right now, where it requires big money to run for major public office, where the money normally comes from small numbers of people and/or groups and where implicitly there are obligations thus incurred." Commenting on a limited bill on public financing that was defeated this year in the House by the narrow margin of 115-109, he remarks "At least for gubernatorial elections I think we would have had public financing this year if we had an active Secretary of State."

Another reform that figures prominently in Guzzi's campaign is the establishment of the so-called Ombudsman or Office of

Citizens' Assistance "to help people who are having problems with the bureaucracy." It is a proposal originally made by Kevin White 'way back in the sixties but which Mr. Davoren has met with "no activity whatsoever . . . which is par for the course."

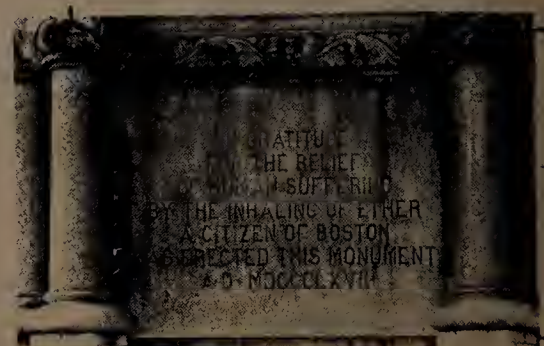
Also under the aegis of the Secretary of State are the administration of regulations concerning lobbyists, the issuing of corporate charters and the maintaining of corporate records. According to Guzzi, however, the incumbent does so little with these chores that it isn't even clear how much the Secretary of State could do if he or she tried; for example, Mr. Davoren does not so much as inquire into the accuracy of the information he has on deposit, much less require that what it describes be in compliance with state law.

## Gay Rights

In the area of those larger social issues on which all candidates for public office are expected to take a stand, Guzzi notes that he has the record of a consistent liberal. He has, for example, supported the principal legislative goals of the women's movement, such as the Equal Rights Amendment and the right to abortion, and has voted "right" on those questions singled out for notice by the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts; he has also supported racially balanced and equally financed public schools.

With regard to gay rights, Guzzi notes that he has voted in favor of the proposed antidiscrimination legislation and to repeal the meddlesome prohibitions of the so-called sodomy law. He says that he has sensed increasingly rational discussion of the issue on Capitol Hill, and finds it significant that members of the gay community are becoming so aware of legislators' voting records that they have begun to offer very attractive support to candidates whose records they find congenial, as is indicated by the presence of openly gay backers of both Guzzi himself and John Businger at the Mass. Caucus earlier this year. It's the sort of occurrence, he believes, that does not escape the notice of our more election-minded than issue-minded state legislature.

Asked about his present campaign and the Democratic primary on Sept. 10, Guzzi says that he thinks it's winnable and that anyone interested in helping out should get in touch with him c/o his good friend, State Rep. Barney Frank (267-6994).



**ANSWER TO  
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE**

**JOSEPH  
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**check him out in the  
PUBLIC GARDEN,  
BOSTON...**





# Primary Elections - A Gay Guide

The following guide to candidates to be elected in the Democratic and Republican Primaries on Sept. 10 in Massachusetts was compiled for GCN by Kevin P. Sullivan and David P. Brill. Responses and statements have been gathered with the assistance of Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPP-Pax), and Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

## Constitutional Officers

### GOVERNOR/Democratic nomination

**MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS:** "I do not believe that private sexual conduct between consenting adults should be a criminal offense. I believe that our obscenity laws should be rewritten only for the purpose of prohibiting the sale or distribution of pornography to minors. I support all legislation to end discrimination because of sexual preference." Endorsed by ADA, CPP-Pax, and Mass. Caucus.

**ROBERT H. QUINN:** Did not answer CPP-Pax questionnaire. Endorsed by AFL-CIO. Opposes repeal of "unnatural acts" laws "to protect the family and the young."

### GOVERNOR/Republican nomination

**FRANCIS W. SARGENT:** "One of the government's chief responsibilities is the protection of personal privacy and individual rights." No further applicable statements made.

**CARROLL F. SHEEHAN:** Did not answer CPP-Pax questionnaire.

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR/Democratic nomination

**CHRISTOPHER A. IANELLA:** "While I feel that minors should not be exposed to pornography, and that residential neighborhoods are improper places for adult entertainment, I have supported the concept of containing such businesses in pre-zoned entertainment districts. I oppose wire-tapping, entrapment and invasions of privacy, and the rigid enforcement of victimless crimes."

**THOMAS P. O'NEILL III:** "Our constitution's commitment to personal privacy must be protected and upheld by government." As a state representative, Mr. O'Neill has supported legislation banning discrimination against Gays. Endorsed by Mass. Caucus, ADA, and CPP-Pax, and AFL-CIO.

**EVA HESTER, JOHN P. LYNCH:** Did not answer CPP-Pax questionnaire.

**THOMAS M. SULLIVAN:** "If the right of an individual to be secure is admitted, then it follows that if one believes in non-conforming sexual practices, that right is

not to be forced upon other individuals who might disagree with that belief."

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR/Republican nomination

**DONALD R. DWIGHT:** "[I have] been in the forefront to protect the privacy of citizens, and I will continue to resist unwarranted invasions." No further applicable statements made.

### SECRETARY OF STATE/Democratic nomination

**PAUL H. GUZZI:** Supports most liberal election law reform. Has voted for repeal of sodomy laws, and in favor of anti-discrimination legislation. Endorsed by Gay Caucus, Mass. Caucus, ADA, CPP-Pax, and Rep. Barney Frank.

**JOHN F. X. DAVOREN:** Did not answer CPP-Pax questionnaire. Mr. Davoren has been an obstacle in the incorporation of gay organizations. He is endorsed by AFL-CIO.

### SECRETARY OF STATE/Republican nomination

**JOHN M. QUINLAN:** Supports nearly all liberal reforms. Mr. Quinlan says he will support gays as Secretary of State. As a Senator, however, he has voted against anti-discrimination legislation twice.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL/Democratic nomination

**EDWARD F. HARRINGTON:** "I recognize the right of adults to read or look at what they choose in the privacy of their homes. I believe that the right to privacy is essential to human dignity." Endorsed by CPP-Pax and the Mass. Caucus.

**BARRY T. HANNON:** "I emphatically support the right to privacy. Recently, the Legislature decriminalized drunkenness. I consider that they may see fit to decriminalize non-conforming sexual practices. [Ed. note: Drunkenness was changed from a criminal offense to a disease requiring treatment.] It is my feeling that rampant pornography has contributed to a large degree to the alarming increase in rape and other sexually motivated crimes."

**EDWARD M. O'BRIEN:** "The Attorney General's functions include protection of the individual citizen's right to privacy." No further applicable statements made.

**S. LESTER RALPH:** "There should be definite re-thinking in the areas of decriminalization of victimless crimes, along the lines of our new alcoholism laws." [Ed. Note: See above notation.]

**GEORGE L. SACCU:** "In addition to the strict enforcement of the laws concerning discrimination and the right to privacy,

it is essential that the Attorney General exert active leadership in revising and updating laws when necessary."

**FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI:** Refused to answer questionnaire.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL/Republican nomination

**WILLIAM I. COWIN:** "I believe adults should be able to read, see, say, and do what they want without governmental interference so long as the freedom of others are not violated. Government activity should be limited in the First Amendment communications area to: 1) measures necessary only to keep from the hands of children material which their parents consider objectionable; and 2) measures to prevent the imposing of objectionable material upon persons who do not wish to see or receive it. Law enforcement resources ought not to be wasted pursuing booksellers, theater owners, or consenting adults when the rights of others are not involved." Mr. Cowin is endorsed by the ADA, and by Governor Sargent.

**CHARLES C. CABOT, JR.:** "I believe the law enforcement activities of the Attorney General should be directed at more serious problems than non-conforming sexual practices, and pornography."

**JOSIAH A. SPAULING:** "A person's right to privacy is inviolate. The same is true for his or her sexual practices as long as they do not abuse the rights of others."

## State Legislature

The Massachusetts House and Senate have been re-districted in accordance with a new amendment to the State Constitution, and with the federal census. Candidates are listed by district, not by city or town, since pieces of several communities have often been combined into one District. You may determine your District by inquiring at the League of Women Voters Voter Information Phone, tel. 357-5880.

### STATE SENATE

Of the 40 State Senate seats up for election this year, 18 incumbent Senators will have no primary opposition, nor any independent opposition in November. Senators that have supported gay anti-discrimination legislation are marked (\*).

The following Senators are running unopposed in both elections: (Towns noted are the Senator's place of residence):

**Bristol and Norfolk District:** John F. Parker, Taunton (R).

**Cape, Plymouth, and Islands District:** John F. Aylmer\*, Barnstable (R).

**First Essex District:** Walter J. Boverini, Lynn (D).

**First Essex and Middlesex District:** William L. Saltonstall, Manchester (R).

**Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden District:** John W. Olver, Amherst (D).

**Hampden District:** Stanley J. Zarod, Springfield (D).

**First Middlesex District:** B. Joseph Tully, Dracut (D).

**Second Middlesex District:** Denis L. McKenna, Somerville (D).

**First Middlesex and Norfolk District:** Edward L. Burke\*, Framingham (D).

**Norfolk District:** Arthur H. Tobin, Quincy (D).

**Norfolk and Plymouth District:** Allan R. McKinnon\*, Weymouth (D).

**Plymouth and Norfolk District:** Anna P. Buckley, Brockton (D).

**Suffolk, Essex, and Middlesex District:** Joseph J. C. DiCarlo, Revere (D).

**First Suffolk and Norfolk:** Arthur J. Lewis, Jamaica Plain (D).

**Second Suffolk and Norfolk:** Joseph B. Walsh, Dorchester (D).

**Worcester and Middlesex:** Daniel J. Foley, Worcester (D).

**Worcester and Norfolk:** James A. Kelly\*, Oxford (D).

**Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire:** Frederic Schlosstein, Warren (D).

The following Districts contain incumbents who have supported gay anti-discrimination legislation and who do have opposition:

**Berkshire:** John H. Fitzpatrick, Stockbridge (R).

**Hampden and Berkshire:** Alan D. Sisitsky, Springfield (D).

**Third Middlesex:** Stephen J. McGrail, Wakefield (D).

**Third Middlesex and Norfolk:** Jack H. Backman, Brookline (D); Irving Fishman, Newton (D).

**Middlesex and Worcester:** Chester G. Atkins, Acton (D).

**Suffolk and Middlesex:** Michael LoPresti, Jr., East Boston (D).

**Second Worcester:** Robert A. Hall, Lunenburg (R).

Candidates for State Senator were not polled by CPP-Pax or ADA. All other districts contain incumbent Senators who have voted against anti-discrimination legislation (such as Sen. William Bulger, who represents Back Bay-Beacon Hill), or have no incumbent Senator (such as the new South End/Roxbury District).

**Special note:** Poll after poll has indicated that the winner of the Democratic Primary for Governor will probably become Governor. It is therefore important for each voter to carefully select her or his candidate, and to remember to VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 10!!!

## Cavicchi Candidate for D.A.

John Cavicchi, 26, of East Boston, has announced his candidacy for the office of District Attorney for Suffolk County, which includes the entire city of Boston, and the communities of Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop. He is one of several candidates challenging the incumbent District Attorney, Garrett H. Byrne.

Atty. Cavicchi says that he is running to try to wrest the District Attorney's office from the hands of the entrenched bureaucracy that now occupies it. His campaign differs from that of the other candidates in that he will not accept private campaign contributions; he is financing his campaign personally. Cavicchi stated that if elected, the dozens of part-time District Attorneyships will be eliminated. He says that conflicts of interest often develop when Assistant D.A.s conduct private law practices in addition to their official duties, especially

when a defendant is being represented by a member of the same law firm. Cavicchi is a legal scholar, and passed the Bar Examination before graduating law school.

In an interview with GCN, he stated his opposition to the state's obscenity laws which treat the possession or distribution of pornography as a criminal offense. "If it's not bothering anybody, I think that the D.A. should be spending his time on more important things," he said. D.A. Byrne has been the leader of the city's anti-pornography crowd, and has prosecuted against dozens of theater owners and booksellers.

The District Attorney's office works in conjunction with the Boston Police Department in prosecuting their arrests. It is within the discretion of the D.A. not to prosecute any case brought to it by the police, to drop or alter the charges, and to make priorities regarding arrests. This

people faced with "morals charges" in entrapment cases. Although the great majority of entrapment cases involve State Police in rest areas along state highways outside of Suffolk County, Cavicchi says that if elected District Attorney, he would not prosecute such offenses, since the complaint is almost never from a private citizen. In addition, he feels that some sort of "containment" theory regarding prostitution would be a good idea.

"If someone wants to go to the Combat Zone and see named people or buy a dirty book, it's nobody's business!" he said.

D.A. Byrne is supported by Mayor White. Byrne, who is 77 years old, has been criticized for not being a visible public figure.

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Atty. John Cavicchi, Democratic candidate for District Attorney in Suffolk County, which includes the city of Boston.





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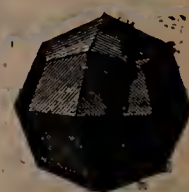
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# REACT!!

## Thing obscene?



Why is a film obscene in Springfield when it is not considered obscene in Boston? *A Very Natural Thing* ran successfully in Boston at the Garden Cinema with no outrage expressed, in fact, with a most favorable review in the *Boston Globe*, yet it was closed at the Paris in Springfield. Can it be any more obvious how inadequate the new obscenity law is in action?

Not only can the theatre be closed, but the manager could have been arrested and the film confiscated all because of the *minimal possibility* of the film being ruled obscene. No, this is not the usual process of justice in America where a person or action is innocent until proven guilty. All of the above action can be motivated simply on the fear or distaste of any individual who then calls the police to proceed with their questionable work. The theatre then has to go to court to get the film extracted from the hands of such hysterical people

by proving it is not obscene, in order to let the film be shown again, instead of the reverse process whereby *some evidence* of guilt is necessary for an arrest or trial to follow an accusation.

If someone considered the *Manchester Union Leader* an obscene newspaper would it be closed down, or is there in fact some subtle discrimination occurring? (Of course, the law fortunately, or unfortunately as the case may be, is only a Massachusetts law so that this is only hypothetical.) It seems that gayness in and of itself may now be considered obscene, whereas damaging pictures and articles in other papers may not be considered such. Does that mean we have no right to express ourselves in any form? Or is there a constitution? It is time for the gay community to awaken to these less obvious tactics of discrimination and to awaken the people in the State House to the dangerous nature of the bill they passed.

## REACTIONS:

### time bomb



Dear Editor,

Larry Collins' article "The Time Bomb" communicated special meaning to gays like myself who also made the blunder of surrendering their homophobic consciences to a straight and biased psychiatrist. Larry's experience, which masterfully evokes both empathy and humor, is the experience of every tormented gay who, in an attempt to assuage his irrational guilt, becomes worsened instead of helped by those professionals whose neat and convincing Freudian interpretations do everything except put a gay person in touch with his real feelings. It is only when we are ready and willing to accept the humanity inside us which needs no justification, only when we are strong and able enough to escape repression and overcome prejudice that we can emerge from our own self-oppression and rise to freedom and self-actualization. Larry's moral is clear: shrink away from shrinks who fail to tolerate diverse human orientations and who use the gay patient to intellectualize their own homophobia. Don't let Kinsey's reports prompt you into changing your sexual *raison d'être*.

[Name withheld by request]

Sincerely,  
Ed Silva  
Cambridge

## other voices

Editor:

On a positive note, to see how GCN has expanded and matured in the past year since its inception is truly inspirational and encouraging. It is another manifestation of beautiful and resilient spirit of the gay community. Now, if you will allow, let me move on to the main purpose of this letter.

I am most disturbed by David Brill's simplistic and reactionary criticism of socialism and the Socialistic Workers Party as printed in his Aug. 10, 1974 "Taling Politics" column in GCN. Apparently Mr. Brill, by his short sighted aspersions, is unable to grasp the value of many aspects of socialism. The worth of such socialistic programs as a comprehensive national health care plan, government support of public transportation systems, state supported educational systems, adequate public welfare and public housing is of great proportions in many respects. David Brill's reference to socialism as "inhibitive and vile" and "repugnant" alongside his so-called "concern for freedom and liberty" is terribly sophomoric. These days of Watergate have demonstrated that the most serious threats to genuine freedom and civil liberties have been posed by the staunchest supporters of capitalism, alias "free enterprise," God, Family, and the "two party system."

David Brill's criticism of socialism confuses past treatment of gays within socialist organizations with socialist ideology. Accordingly, his reaction to socialism appears to be based merely on emotions, *not* on the results of any endeavors in logical, intellectual inquisition. One hopes that prudence, a sprinkling of wisdom, and less naivete will play a greater role in his future criticisms.

Regarding Gov. Sargent's supposed intentions to issue a statement on gay rights, I

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To the Editor:

The other day, I visited the offices of a popular Boston-based gay male magazine. On the walls were written graffiti such as "Fuck Gay Marriage (and straight marriage)," "God is Dead—now let's kill the Gay Church." The graffiti are probably the work of one person rather than an editorial policy of that paper, but since I've heard similar remarks elsewhere in the gay community, I felt I should make my feelings heard.

We often feel that we are liberated if we reject all the beliefs and institutions that have kept us down in the past. In actuality, we merely substitute new rules and status quos for the old rules and status quos that we gave up. For example: Straight society pretty much forces monogamy on everyone. Therefore, we should be against monogamy. And so forth.

I cannot go along with either society's rigid institutions, nor with the gay movements' new institutions. Rather, I feel that



# MANCHESTER



# UNION LEADER

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LARGEST DAILY NEWSPAPER**

"A trio of advertised night clubs which cater to *male and female sex deviates* has turned Manchester into the *homosexual capital of northern New England*.

"Every night of the week homosexuals from all parts of the state and border towns of Massachusetts converge on Manchester. On any given night, it is possible to find people from every walk of life. One particular evening this reporter saw an elected state official, an ex-high state office holder, an ex-con, a school teacher, mill workers, secretaries and businessmen. All were caught up in an 'anything goes atmosphere' where men *openly romance men and women aggressively pursue women*.

"Once inside the protection of their 'private' clubs these men and women *discard their 'straight world' inhibitions*. Men drifted from table to table *swapping kisses and obscene caresses*. Women, although fewer in number, *were even more outwardly aggressive* than their male counterparts. Their actions were *crude and purely sexual*.

"In the shadowed glow of the dimly lit clubs, women *fondled* each other with *total abandonment*...

#### An Initiation

"A *spectacle* emphasizing their *total commitment to perversion* took place one night recently...

"Seated at one of the better illuminated tables were seven women. Six of the females were paired and the seventh, who *looked to be a child of 12*, appeared to be *suffering initiation into the cult of lesbianism*...(!)

"The oldest member of the group, a female in her middle 40s, was the *conductor of the barbaric ritual*. While the other patrons of the club ignored what was taking place, the female proceeded to *inflict indignities upon the frightened girl*, which seemed to make her *cringe and cower in shame*.

"While two of the women forced the girl to stretch out on two chairs, the oldest female proceeded to *force her massive bosoms into the girl's mouth*. When they tired of this, the 'conductor' of the ritual *straddled the girl's face and rocked back and forth in animal-like arousal*.

"This spectacle continued throughout the evening and only came to an end when the club closed.

"Even on the dance floor, however, the

## cavicchi

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In fact, he does not allow his picture to be taken in public.

Another challenger in the race is Boston School Committeeman John J. Kerrigan. Kerrigan would not talk to GCN. His remarks in public indicate that he feels that D.A. Byrne has been too lenient with pornographers, prostitutes, and homosexuals. Kerrigan is calling for a hard-line approach to escapees at Deer Island, and vows to crack down on the "rampant immoral conduct" which he says the current D.A. is not doing. Kerrigan is considered a serious challenger.

Cavicchi says that his own election as District Attorney will be the beginning of security with liberty for all citizens, and has asked for the support of the gay community on election day, Sept. 10.

## Shameful Behavior in Queen City Exposed

# Sodomite Clubs Flourish

By R. WARREN PEASE

actions of the homosexuals... exceed the legal limits... *Most homosexuals seem to have a dance style all their own*. While dancing the fast numbers, both male and female couples go through all the motions of performing *the sex act itself*. Unashamedly, *they fondle and caress each other* in ways that would be banned in anything but an X-rated film.

"One of the lawmakers characterized their dancing as 'somewhat like a fertility dance performed by the natives of some remote South Pacific tribe, but lacking the dignity and morality involved in such a ritual.' etc., etc., etc..."

["Tomorrow's article will deal with one

of these young members who has fallen into the habit of going to the club and now cannot bring himself to break away..."]

Front page photo accompanying the above article depicted male couples embracing in slow dances, with the eyes blocked out, the captions read

"Close dancing is a popular form of entertainment in the homosexual clubs of Manchester. These men are typical of the duos that crowd the dance floor at the city's most popular 'queer club.'" and "A routine happening at the homosexual clubs in Manchester is the embrace by two males. They are photographed seconds before they kiss."

## AS OTHERS SEE

by Ian Johnson

When I first read the articles from Loeb's *Manchester Union Leader*, I was aghast, upset, and angry. Since I believe the gay movement must overcome its automatic position of always being on the defensive, trying to answer the often slanderous or at best prejudicial statements or questions, it seemed that the best way to treat the articles was to show how ridiculous it is, but not attempt to refute it directly. When it becomes a game of words and emotions, devoid of logic and reason, we will lose every time. The key is to not play by the same rules that put us automatically on the defense, but turn it around and let them squirm for a change.

To do this is the case, it was felt that revealing Loeb's *method* of presenting the material was the key. If you closely examine the article, it is seen that there are very few facts, that the impact is in the perjorative adjectives and the *tone* of the article. It is a perfect case study in objectivity. The near embrace and kiss of two people of the same sex (which, granted, would not instill the tenderness and empathy from *ost Union Leader* readers as would a straight scene) is sensationalized into the image of *The Ultimate Deprivation*, a scene so shocking the viewer might turn to stone. Language is powerful, and the use of such dripping terms as "obscene caresses," "total abandonment," "total commitment to perversion," "the cult of lesbianism," and "barbaric ritual" instill such a sense of fear and distrust in the reader that even many gay people reading it would probably experience at least a pang of "sordidness."

But the reality is that an embrace and kiss are being reported. No matter what one's feelings toward homosexuality, what can be so earth-shattering about the fact that homosexuals embrace and kiss? It

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# An Interview Amazon Quarterly

by Deborah Rose

"Amazon Quarterly" is a lesbian-feminist journal that has been published for two years out of Oakland, Calif. I saw the very first issue at the old Female Liberation office in Cambridge, and I remember clustering around that issue with a bunch of other women, peering into its pages, delighted by the charm and audacity of this little magazine with the mighty Amazon warrior on its cover.

Gina and Laurel are the editors of "Amazon Quarterly" and it is their work in the magazine that has consistently been the most provocative. That first issue impressed me so much because of Gina's drawings which are sometimes bizarre, always imaginative and very clever. In an early issue, Laurel did an essay called "Distinctions: The Circle Game" which was a witty commentary on sectarianism within the women's movement—how we are continually defining ourselves as different and therefore better than each other, with our labels of gay and lesbian, dyke and killer-dyke and manhating, castrating killer-dyke. The article was one of the few pieces on self-criticism of the women's movement that was published at that time.

"Amazon Quarterly" has been mainly fiction and poetry and drawings, with some essays. AQ is moving, though, towards more research-oriented articles. Last issue Laurel wrote about "Radical Reproduction"—with material on, among other things, how to have a baby without a man around. And the newest issue, just out last week, contains an article by Gina on the right (female) side of the brain.

There is something very special about the newest issue of "Amazon Quarterly": it came out of Boston. Three months ago Laurel and Gina moved here from California, which is the occasion for this interview.

Debby: Why did you start *Amazon Quarterly*? What were the reasons and motivations?

Gina: There are two different sides to that. One, what I think of when we started, is that we had been living in the country isolated—writing, making art work, thinking of the wonderful lesbian culture we were building. Then we moved back to the city . . . We had all this work we had done and we didn't know what to do with it. We didn't see any place to put it. There were no pathways of communication. So we put together this magazine. We had friends who were doing things they wanted to be communicated, so we decided, as a fishhook, as a way to start a community, to start communications going among lesbian writers and artists.

Laurel: Then there's the other side of it which did give us a framework, a way of thinking about the magazine, which is that *The Ladder* folded in August of '72. We started working on the magazine about a week later. It just was what we needed to feel like, OK, it's really necessary now.

G: We had been talking about a magazine but we hadn't decided now until *The Ladder* folded.

L: It had been going for 16 years and then, all of a sudden, there was nothing.



D: *The Ladder* had been the only national lesbian publication, right?

L: Right. And though we didn't want to reproduce *The Ladder*, we did want to serve some of the same needs—for women to get together, to have a place to share their work.

D: Why did you decide to move to Boston?

G: Everyone asks us . . . It's getting less clear. It was very clear before we left. Partly we heard from so many people, if you're going to live in this country, it has to be either the Bay area or Boston . . . We thought of how the woman's movement started in Boston. How it must be all very advanced: it's been going on for so long. And we thought of Margaret Fuller and her soirées. That that kind of thing must still be happening.

L: That there must be Emily Dickinsons and Margaret Fullers today. That there is an ongoing lesbian soiree.

G: That's the fantasy.

D: How is that fantasy different from being here?

L: The basic thing is that we had 25 assumptions of what lesbians would take for granted in the Boston area, based on the Berkeley area where we'd been for 5 years. One by one they seem to be systematically knocked out from under us. Understandings about class. Understandings about race. Understandings about straight feminists. Understandings about men, in particular. We continually run up against disbelief that we don't like men. "What, you don't want to be with men? You don't want to sit down to dinner with men? You don't enjoy men's company?" All of that is hard to believe.

D: Talk more about the differences.

L: Our experience has been that no one would invite us to dinner with a man present, certainly not without asking us if that was cool. And that has been an issue here on at least 3 separate occasions. We just assumed it would be sisters and we went off joyfully with our bottle of wine, and who should

turn up for dinner—but a man!

D: What do you think about transsexuals? Right now this is a heated issue in Boston because the Amazon Expedition [East Coast Lesbian Conference group] just decided to support a transsexual—a pre-operative male. What's your reaction?

L: I think it's a big energy rip-off, no matter which side of it you're on. It's just a shame to waste the amount of energy that went into it in LA—

D: At the West Coast Lesbian Conference?

L: Yes. And the amount of energy that we understand is going into it here because of the Amazon Expedition and the question of who would be allowed to come. I think that the way that they finally settled it, and I don't think it is settled—I can see this coming up again and again—the way that they attempted to lay it out as a position is the best you can do with it right now: That any woman, anyone, who says she's a woman is a woman as long as she's willing to take on the oppression of women and give up the patriarchal rights of men.

G: I don't feel comfortable with it.

L: No, I don't really feel comfortable with any of it.

G: I don't feel willing to put any energy into that struggle. It's very small. How many male-to-female lesbian transsexuals are there?

D: Well, about three in the Boston area.

L: And maybe about 50 nation-wide when we're talking about millions of lesbians.

G: It's bad enough to take all these women's energies. It doesn't seem worth it to me.

D: One of the questions it raises is about the ends and means of our vision. If we project an androgynous goal, and transsexuals represent that, shouldn't we then include these people in our liberation struggle? I don't think so. Your ends and means shouldn't necessarily—and usually aren't—the same. While our vision is androgynous, right now, we, as women, have polarized the people with vaginas and the people with penises. Because of the historical reality, because of male supremacy, we have deliberately chosen to polarize these two sets of people. While there may be—and I hope for some kind of androgynous synthesis in the future—that's not possible right now. It can't be so while men are dominant over women. I feel really uncomfortable working in the women's movement with a person who says s/he is a woman but s/he has a penis. Maybe when he has his penis cut off, I can deal with him as a woman, but right now I can't work with a "woman" who has a penis.

L: OK, so that's it—the pre-operative and the post-operative. I have yet to meet a post-operative and maybe that will occasion a whole rethinking. For example, *MS* just published a section of *Conundrum*, Jan Morris' new book. And of course he is post-operative. There was a very sympathetic review of that book by Ellen Willis of *Majority Report* which feels right to me. He has genuinely given up the power he had as a man and has now experienced the oppression of a woman since the operation, since taking on the female role.

G: I feel like a lot of this hassle is brought on by thinking that there are just two sexes, and it does seem necessary to make those generalizations in broad terms. I do that all the time. But a male-to-female transsexual is not a woman to me. They are some other gender. I can understand them wanting to identify with women, to be in the women's movement, because there are so few of them. There aren't enough of them to get together to form a community.

D: Do you think they should have their own movement?

G: They do—

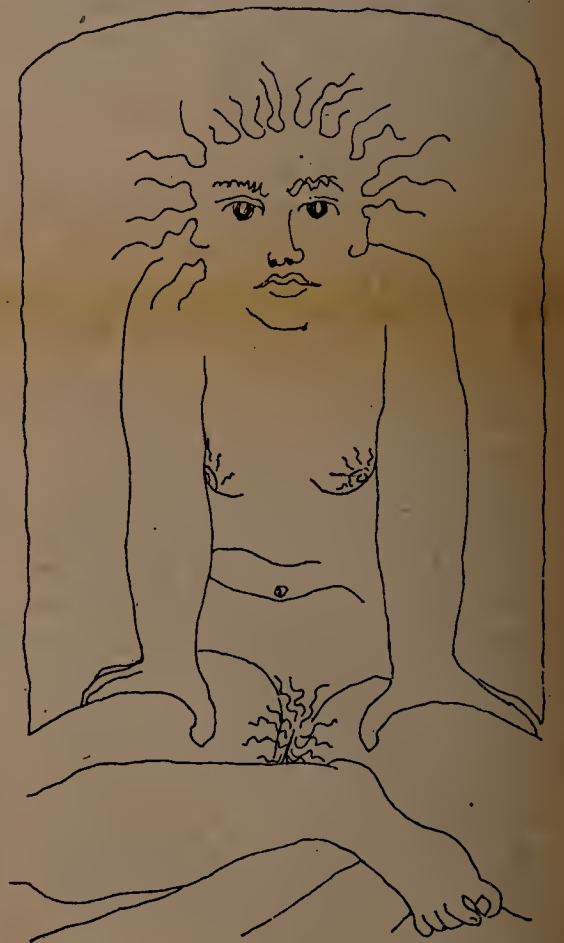
L: But it's certainly limited for transsexual lesbians who are different from transsexuals.

D: Where is the movement?

G: There's an office out of Miami.

L: But it's not for transsexual lesbians.

G: That movement seems to have no feminist consciousness, though.



D: This was a digression on the point about assumptions. That you had assumptions about lesbians that weren't true for Boston. What are some of the differences between lesbians here and in Berkeley?

L: We can't talk yet about Boston. We've only been here 3 months and there's a whole possibility out there. But it has, for us, been heavy. Our individual assumptions keep getting knocked out from under us. In some ways, that's growth-producing because it's really making us define what our assumptions are. Last night we came back home and at 3 a.m. wrote down in Gina's journal just what our assumptions are that we had really just taken for granted. We never had to list them before.

D: Were these assumptions about lesbians?

L: About how we want our lives to be, about how we see the lesbian community, about our WomanVision.

D: How does AQ fit into your WomanVision?

L: It's a medium, it's a work of art itself,



# With erly Editors



but it's also a medium, a fishhook as Gina said, to reach other women, for us personally to break out of our isolation . . . and as a way for women not to feel isolated, to begin not to feel isolated.

G: I really see keeping a vision going as the most important thing of *Amazon Quarterly*. That's the most important thing to me. I cannot survive for more than a couple of days without experiencing something that doesn't exist now at all, that exists in our inner hopes and in our dreams of what can be possible after the patriarchy or without the patriarchy. I see that as really important to our survival . . . to be able to expand on each others' visions.

D: How do you think you're going to get rid of the patriarchy?

G: I don't think we are going to. I don't think in my lifetime will I see a change, really.

D: How do you identify yourselves politically within the women's movement? Are you lesbian separatists or do you work with straight women?

L: I was a straight woman. I can't deny my past. We have to remember we all weren't born lesbians.

G: My experience with straight women has been that almost all women I know who were straight are now lesbians or are moving towards being a lesbian . . . I see moving from being male-identified, from being a heterosexual, towards being a lesbian as an evolutionary process. But if a woman is unwilling to do that, if she says she will not change, I can't work with her.

L: What we're saying is that we don't want to work with any woman who is rigidified into a definition she happened to be acculturated into. Whether it's heterosexual, middle class or white racist.

D: Heterosexual women who are comfortable in that identity—

L: Racists are comfortable in their identity, too. So are classists. Their comfortableness is part of the problem. We all have to make choices about our time and how much energy we give and how much we want that energy to flow and be returned and grow. I feel an energy



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STOP from a person who says "I am defining myself as I was acculturated to be and I'm not going to change." That's a static. I don't have energy for that. I do have energy for a woman who's married and says "I'm really being fucked over. I want to change. But I'm too afraid. Thank you for sending *Amazon Quarterly*. It gives me hope. Maybe someday I'll have the courage to change this." To me, this woman is not straight. She hasn't closed herself off to the possibilities. There are a lot of women who are either celibate, which is fine, or living with men or still sleeping with men whom I don't close off to in the same way as a woman who says "I'm straight. I will always be straight."

D: I came out within the women's movement and it occurred to me that as more and more women come out this way, the leaders of the women's movement were becoming lesbians, and that made sense—

L: I'm uncomfortable with the word leader.

D: Why?

L: I guess we come from an undefined anarchy in the Bay area which is working very nicely and has been for some time.

D: Are you anarchists?

L: I can't get into defining any more boxes around myself or I'll become this tiny box in a mass of Chinese puzzle boxes.

D: I think the definitions anarchist and socialist are important ones to understand and work with.

G: If I had to choose one of those possible labels, I would say anarchist. But it's not very important to me. A lot of the processes important in anarchist thought

are female processes, things that have come naturally in the woman's movement. But I feel like that definition is superfluous.

D: I'm asking you about this because I'm at the point of really struggling with the concepts of socialism and anarchism. I've come from the political tradition of radical feminism and I'm feeling dissatisfied with that. Radical feminism, as defined by Shulmuth Firestone and other women, deals pretty exclusively with psycho-sexual issues. I'm finding it necessary to deal with economic issues, with capitalism. What's important to me right now is seeing how patriarchal oppression, which I define as psycho-sexual, and capitalist or economic oppression, how these two interrelate in women's lives. The anarchists seem to talk only about psycho-sexual issues and I think that that is incomplete in terms of making a revolution. I'm finding myself on the socialist side.

L: I don't think any of us should be expected to define ourselves as anarchists or socialist feminists or cultural feminists. As we spent a good number of the first years of the women's movement on consciousness-raising, we can't expect in 7 years to have worked out a theory of economic and political reality. It's just too soon . . . I'm not getting into any camp like socialist feminist or cultural feminist which isn't immediately gut-level important to me right now in the same way as my saying I'm not going to relate to men, or women who expect me to relate to men. That's gut-level important. That will separate my

friends from my foes. At this point, I don't have such a feeling for the lesbian community that I think we can go around making tighter boxes around ourselves than we already have gotten ourselves into with issues like class.

D: I heard you'll be teaching a seminar here at Cambridge-Goddard.

G: Yes. It's hard to talk about because it's iffy. But if it happens, it will be a group of probably 8 women, for a year, exploring Contemporary Lesbian Culture, which is the name of the course.

D: A course for credit?

G: Yes, women who take that one course will get an MA in feminist studies.

D: How can women around Boston participate in *Amazon Quarterly*?

L: How we're going is on the basis of affinity. It's not open. We're having the usual struggles about volunteerism . . . which gets into a hierarchical thing of us being the editors and them being the shitworkers. Right now we're the editors and the only shitworkers which is fair. We're shortchanging ourselves in terms of our artwork. But we're choosing to do that. We want to do that.

G: We've been through a whole lot of thinking about how to incorporate women into the structure. I'm at the point of not really pushing for anything but letting women come to us who are really interested.

L: And as trust grows . . . then they become part of something we do and love. But we're not asking women to join us as a collective.

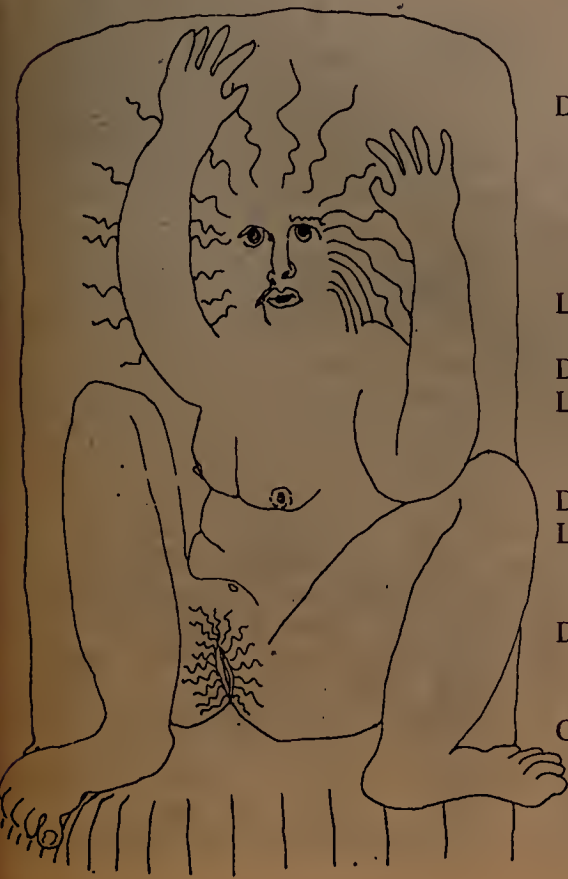
D: How can women submit articles?

L: Fantastic. Send them to us at the address: Box 434, West Somerville, Mass. 02144 and include a stamped self-addressed envelope. We're really fortunate because we just received a grant of \$1000 for this year to pay artists and writers. Each issue we'll have \$250 to offer women for their work. We hope this will be an added incentive, especially for women who have never published.



The newest issue of "Amazon Quarterly" is available in Somerville at New Words Bookstore and in Cambridge at Reading International. Laurel and Gina are looking for more distribution outlets and will give a free sub to anyone who can place an order of 5 copies or more in a bookstore. Subscriptions are also free to any woman in a mental hospital or prison. Otherwise, subs cost \$4 for 4 issues and \$5 for those same 4 issues wrapped in a brown cover. The address is above.

"AQ" also offers a service called the Connections Newsletter for women who have specific needs, like wanting to talk to other lesbian mothers or wanting to locate a rural commune. If you want to participate, send \$1, a description of yourself and needs, and a self-addressed envelope with 2 stamps. In return you will receive lists of other women and their needs. Hopefully, a connection will be made.





# The View from the Closet

by A. Nolder Gay

## INVINCIBLE SUMMER

When you arrive at an age when the only guys hot after your body are morticians, the second best way of curling up in bed is with a good book. I've been into a number of interesting books lately, one of them Weinberg and Williams' *Male Homosexuals* reviewed by Craig Thiersch in GCN, Vol. II No. 2).

After all the proper methodological qualifications are made, and when one gets past the statistics and the social scientific prose, one discovers a variety of fresh and exciting ideas which are dynamite for gay and straight alike. One finding which turned me on (I like double-shotted cannonades mowing down everybody in sight) was the assertion that, in the three countries studied, "there is little difference in self-acceptance and psychosomatic symptoms reported by our homosexuals and the general male population samples."

To straights, this says that not only are we not sick, but we're at least as well as you are (and some of us are weller!). To gays, this means that it makes no fundamental difference to where you are inside whether you live in a tolerant country with no legal and few social restrictions or in the land of the flea and the home of the knave. And that means that the argument that all our hangups can be laid at the door of "society" or "Amerika" or "repression" are suddenly about as tenable as faith in Mr. Nixon's credibility.

I am here making no brief for Pollyannism in the face of physical attacks on gay persons nor for quietism in the face of discrimination or of unjust laws which, through the negative self-image they foster, are demonic in their effects. But beyond all that, the hard evidence contained in this book effectively supports a powerful case for the freedom of the human spirit, for the power we have to choose to be fully gay and fully human. "The homosexual is a very active participant in working out a congenial life style," the authors say, and they caution against accepting a perspective

of societal determinism.

It seems to come down to a self-acceptance, mutuality, joint initiative, group cohesiveness, openness. Of them all, the key is the development of a stable self-concept, a task common to all men and women and one which affects the younger gay with special importance. (Older gays, contrary to myth, are found to have a greater degree of inner well-being than the young.) But a wholesome gay self-concept needs special nurture, and that's why we need "political action, the expansion of self-help organizations, and the investment of resources in homosexual institutions." For in the long run, the authors conclude, "the homosexuals' destiny lies in the efforts they make on their own behalf."

That's a challenging prospect. In our own hands lies the power to shape our future. Not necessarily in our individual hands, for alone we are all too defenseless. It lies in the hands we extend to each other, in the sorrows and joys we share, in the acceptance and support we give one another, in our outreach to the lone, the scared, the vulnerable.

On the wall over my bed hangs a quotation from Camus: "In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." The human spirit constantly surprises us by its marvelous capacity to survive in the face of tremendous adversity. We will never again allow ourselves to be put down, for we have together discovered the invincible summer which lies inside each one of us, and the worst blasts of winter can no longer still the inner fire.



# MEDIA MESSAGE

by Loretta Lotman

## MARCUS WELBY, F.U.

The proposed Marcus Welby script, "The Outrage," is the single most slanderous, libelous piece of shit to hit the gay community since the "homosexual torture ring" reports from Houston last summer. News reports were suffered through because you can't stop the news. Eventually, consciousnesses were raised and the reports became almost fair. We must, however, stop this script from being broadcast. It is fiction, not distorted fact, and there is no valid reason for it to be allowed on the air. It can and will affect the drive for anti-discrimination legislation for gays around the country. It will touch our lives with a sledgehammer and it will take years to recover from its effect.

Sound like I'm exaggerating? OK—judge for yourselves. The basic plot line is bad enough: a 14-year-old boy is raped by his male science teacher while on a school outing. If this situation isn't bad enough, the writer harped on the melodramatic quality of horror throughout the script. The mother first realizes something is wrong when she discovers blood all over the boy's bed. (Shocked, terrified reaction, of course.) The boy views himself with disgust—he has been "tainted" by the incident. (Homosexuality is catching.) The teacher threatens the boy with violence if he reveals what happened. When Welby reveals to the mother that the boy has been "sexually assaulted." [DRAMATIC PAUSE] By a man."—the mother has an apoplectic fit punctuated by music, close-up and a quick commercial break. The parents are devastated and the father is maniacally concerned with the boy's "loss of manhood" and what he has been doing in back alleys. Meanwhile, the kid develops peritonitis from internal injuries and the science teacher picks up a 12-year-old boy and beats him with a tire iron—after sex, of course. The whole script ends happily enough, though, with the maniac being caught and turning himself in to a mental hospital because he knows he's so sick. And, at last,

the little 14-year-old realizes that he still is... a MAN!

ABC says the script is about child molestation, not homosexuality. Yet it enforces every false stereotype about homosexuals—child molesters, violent, should not be allowed in schools, defile manhood, etc. The parents can't face their child because he is something less than a person (possibly a queer, they're thinking). Everyone talks about "perverts", "maniacs," "violent animals." Now, nowhere does the script refer to the molester as a homosexual. Indeed, buried within the script are disclaimers that the maniac is not a homosexual, just a sick crazy child molester. BUT WHAT IS MIDDLE AMERICA GOING TO THINK WHEN THEY SEE THIS ON THE AIR?

A script of this sort could possibly be done in 5 or 10 years, providing TV had matured to a point where homosexual women and men were integrated into all programming as the "couple down the block" or "the good friend/upstairs neighbor." Blacks are only now being shown as bad guys on shows, because TV has worked to create good black characters within all shows. However, all America sees of us on TV are the murderers, child molesters and crazy sick self-hating people. There are no positive gay images on television. So we must fight, force the networks not to perpetuate the false, stereotypical images. As a lesbian, this show will not be about anything within my life. Yet it will inhibit the movement towards my civil rights being granted by the greater government in the sky. This script steps on my life with a resounding THUD—and it must not be allowed on the air.

One final note—this script may be fiction, but its presentation on national television is a rapidly approaching fact. ABC actually plans to put this on the air on the network. Welby is a top-rated show and you can bet your beanpot millions will be watching. Please—react NOW and contact the ABC Network President, James Duffy, at ABC Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019.

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### AS OTHERS SEE

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would be more sensational if they didn't! Can you imagine the story being: "Homosexuals embrace while dancing and often kiss each other"? That's not the way to sell papers or rally the masses to "stamp out the evil in Queen City." (Yes, Manchester is known as Queen City, as Boston is the Hub.) But our friend Loeb may have finally over-reacted.

Rather than waste our energy refuting Loeb's venom, my assignment was to write a comparison spoof on the article—turn a casual scene at any of the straight dating bars into a virtual "den of iniquity," so that its depravity threatens to defile family, motherhood, and the very foundations of our God-fearing society, all by the use of a warped lens to look at it, not changing facts but using prejudicial language.

To do this, I had to read the articles many times and edit out the above version. Upon completion of it, my impression of it was vastly different than at first. I realized that doing a parody of it was unnecessary—the original story is already too perfect! How can you beat the South Pacific fertility rite? *It is hilarious, an absolute gem.* If it were printed in the *Harvard Lampoon*, it would be acclaimed a masterpiece. Re-read it, and try to lose your natural gay anger/emotion/defensiveness. It is so absurd it almost cannot be taken seriously. Or can it? How much credit can you give to the average reader's intelligence? How much can you discount Loeb's power over his readers' judgment?

So much of what we deal with in gay lib is nebulous attitudes, forever changing. The answer to this type of question could be important to the movement. Does blatant over-reaction cause people to stop and think? Could Loeb be actually doing us a favor? Maybe it's too much to even wonder, but I have not lost my faith in human nature, that people are basically intelligent and understanding, although resistant to change. Has Nixon shown us this?

To answer this, I hope, with the help of the staff of GCN, to conduct a scientific opinion survey of *Union Leader* readers and ascertain their reactions to the articles. It may prove enlightening. Watch for it here soon!

Note: For what it's worth, I must relate the theory of a reader of GCN who grew up in Manchester and is somewhat familiar with the Loeb organization. This person

feels that, given Loeb's vengeance, a reporter may have been assigned this story and knew that Loeb would not settle for less than blood. If the angle was the reporter's own, even somewhat moderate feelings on gays and/or objectivity, he may have intentionally overdone the story, knowing that even if everyone else in the state thought it hilarious, Loeb, with his myopic viewpoint, would cherish it as "telling it like it is." Improbable? Perhaps, but we shall never know. Stranger things *have* happened with reporters with names like "War and Peace," writing out of places like "Queen City," U.S.A.

## voices

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believe that again David Brill is being duped albeit in a typically political fashion—with charm and grace. After a meeting some weeks ago with Sargent aides Tamara Bliss and Mary Ellen Shea attended by Elaine Noble and myself, I was convinced that Sargent would not, in this election year, lend any hint as to his feelings on gay rights. In essence, the Governor's Office is playing politics with gays. It is, nevertheless, an indication that the gay movement has gained some ground, for just two years ago we would have been *completely* ignored.

Generally I appreciate David Brill's "Taling Politics" column. It provides us with a lot of worthwhile information about the goings-on in Massachusetts politics as related to gays. Yet I fear, sometimes, that David gets such a thrill out of hob-nobbing with Massachusetts politics that his vision becomes clouded . . .

Sincerely,  
Joe Martin  
Brookline, Mass.

[Ed. Note: As a columnist, David Brill expresses his own opinion, not necessarily that of GCN. Realizing the need for diversity of views in all areas, GCN is presently arranging for publication of other political perspectives.]

[Mr. Brill replies: Thank you for your interest, I stand by my remarks.]

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To my adorable little peanut-butter puppy, Happy Two-Months. How about the next 40 or 50 years. Love and kisses, Your bubby

## Publications

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## roommates

Lesbian: Mission Hill, Museum & Univ. area, seeks same for 6 rm. apt. near trans. Approx. \$80 mo. Box 527, Roxbury Crossing Station, Boston.

Looking for a responsible (gay) woman to share 2 bdrm Allston apt 82.50/mo. + util. Near trans. Chris, 787-4727 eves.

GWM seeks person(s) who have or want to look for apt. Prefer Beacon Hill but will consider other places. Into responsibility, neatness, quiet, privacy, friendliness. See Vin Hoskinson or write GCN Box 180.

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Gay and Feminist Literature Resource List Free! Valuable Guide in obtaining Books, Pamphlets, etc. Write: Southern Gay Liberator, P.O. Box 2118, Boca Raton, Fla. 33432. Self addressed and STAMPED envelope a must. Bookstores Send most recent catalog and get listed on our third lit list FREE.

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**GAY HEALTH NIGHT**  
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## wanted

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**COLLEGE SUPPLEMENT** upcoming. Articles and suggestions needed immediately. Contact Nancy Burnett at GCN. Write 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call 426-4469.

**ANYONE WITH MONEY:** An important contribution can be made to the mental health of this society by purchasing a large selection of gay books and donating them to your nearest public library.

**BOOK DRIVE**  
The HCHS Library urgently needs gay books, periodicals, and pamphlets, books on psychology and counselling. Share books you have already read with others by bringing them to HCHS, Room 403, 419 Boylston St., Boston. (Ring the bell 4 times if the door is locked.)

**LET'S LISTEN TO YOU!**  
"Closet Space" offers 5 minutes of air time for anyone to comment on gay life and liberation. Only restrictions are FCC. Send your commentary c/o "We Dare You," Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02159. Recording sessions to be arranged.

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# COMING... Aug 22 thru Sept 7

22 thurs

Movies will 'sound' and tonight's presentation will include *Battle for the Planet of the Apes*, *Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman*, and Laurel and Hardy shorts. This first session is for the benefit of the Elaine Noble campaign.

A series of film benefits for various gay organizations will begin tonight and continue every Thursday night for six weeks. At 8:30 pm, CSMH, fare includes horror flicks, old movies, cartoons and other goodies. Donation: whatever you can afford.



23 fri

The Homophile Union of Montachusett will sponsor a dance tonight at 8 pm. Dance will be held at the Heritage Gardens (apartment complex) on Rte. 13 in Leominster. Disc jockey will be in attendance, BYOB. Donation is \$1.

24 sat

[Ed. Note: This event has been shifted, originally planned for Friday the 23d.]

The Cambridge Women's Center will hold an all women's dance tonight in celebration of Women's Rights Day. The dance will be held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, and will start at 9 p.m. Featured will be the all women's band, Lillith. A \$2 donation will be asked at the door, proceeds going to support the Women's Center and the Meetinghouse.

26 mon

Women's Equality Day will be celebrated at a concert today sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW). Concert will feature "Jade and Sarsaparilla" and will be held at Christ Church, 0 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass., from 6 to 9:30 p.m. A donation of \$5 will be asked at the door, but persons are urged to attend even if they cannot afford that price. Proceeds will go to the NOW legal fund to defend the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on abortion. For more info, call NOW, 734-3946.

Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) has expanded its hotline service to cover from 9 am to 9 pm. HCHS is a non-profit mental health clinic primarily for gay people and their families

25 sun

Plaingay Picnic. Meet at 20 Bishop St., Jamaica Plain, at 12 noon. We will leave together for picnic site. Bring food and drink to share. Further info: call 524-6417.

30 fri

A concert will be held tonight at 8 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, for the benefit of *Concert '74: An Amazon Expedition*. Featured performers will be Purple Honey, consisting of Martha and Lucy, a pair of lesbian-feminist singer/song writers, accompanying themselves on the guitar and flute respectively. Suggested donation at the door will be \$2. An event by and for women.

29 thurs

Movie Benefit for HUB at the Charles St. Meetinghouse 8:00. Featuring The Marx Brothers in "This Is War," Laurel and Hardy, The Little Rascals, Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein, and more. See you there.



4 wed

Plaingay meeting, 8:00. Call 524-6417 for more info.

7 sat

Active Gays will hold their September brunch today at 11 am at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. All persons with any ideas to contribute are urged to attend.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, by midnight on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

## everyweek

### WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm-Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide  
7:00 pm-Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.  
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St. Providence  
7:30 pm-DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
8:00-Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415  
8:00 pm-Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

### THURSDAYS

10:00 am-Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM  
8:00 pm-DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

8:00 pm-Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge  
9:00 pm-Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM  
12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House  
Evenings-Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

### FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm-Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096  
7:00 pm-Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union  
8:30 pm-B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

1 am-5 am-MCC Providence Coffee House

### SATURDAYS

1:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197  
2:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509  
1 am-5 am-MCC Providence Coffee House  
3:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

### SUNDAYS

10:30 am-Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM  
1:00 pm-DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge  
2-4 pm-Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495  
4:00 pm-MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)  
5:30 pm-Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston  
6:30 pm-MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston  
7:00 pm-MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3773  
7:30 pm-MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.  
8:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31  
12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House

### MONDAYS

7:00-10:00 pm-Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347  
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence  
8:00 pm-Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

### TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm-Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197  
7:00 pm-Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge  
7:30 pm-DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
7:30 pm-Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)  
7:30 pm-MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.

## QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

### BOSTON AREA (area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181  
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197  
Boston College Homophile Union 734-7223  
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409  
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469  
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450  
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592  
Dignity/Boston  
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215  
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,  
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108  
Fag Rag 536-9826  
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516  
Gay Academic Union  
c/o DOB, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116  
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Media Action 868-5729  
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323  
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Hotline (9 am to 9 pm) 266-5477  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
Good Gay Poets 536-9826

Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486  
Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477  
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197  
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111  
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center) 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807  
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664  
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227  
National Organization for Women 267-6160  
Project Place 267-9150  
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764  
Unitarian Gay Caucus 282-4977

### EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett  
P.O. Box F5, Leominster  
MCC Study Group of Worcester  
P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387  
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070  
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747  
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828  
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330

### WESTERN MASS. (AC 413)

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154

Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883  
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171  
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889  
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626  
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154  
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

### RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912  
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861  
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094  
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737  
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773  
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

### VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay In Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496  
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667  
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782  
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

### CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646  
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520  
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738  
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656  
MCC Hartford 522-5575  
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575

Women's Liberation Center Hartford 523-8949

### NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824  
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261  
Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

### MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Church  
P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401  
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011  
Gay Liberation Front, c/o General Delivery, Calais 04619  
Gay Rights Organization, (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401  
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605  
Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo  
Lewiston Gays, c/o D. Courteau, 76 Nichols St., Lewiston 04240  
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901  
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473  
Women's Newsletter, Bath 443-5855  
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis  
Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point, 04667